

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

On page 1 amend paragraph 1 as follows:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/427,669 filed October 23, 1999 which This application claims priority from the provisional application designated serial number 60/105,369, filed October 23, 1998 and entitled, "Serial-to-Parallel/Parallel-to-Serial Conversion Engine". This application is hereby incorporated by reference.